TOWNSMEN,

AT a crisis like the present, when we are threatened not only with an invasion from an inveterate enemy, but, also, when the seeds of treason and sedition are industriously sown amongst us, is it not a time to lend our utmost support to Government in order to oppose such attempts?

Whatever may have been the differences in opinion upon political subjects, this is surely a time when such differences should cease, when every animosity should subside, and when all, with one hand and heart, should unite for the preservation of our lives and property and every thing we hold dear. This is surely the period, when all party spirit should give way to public duty, when every respectable house-holder, and such other persons as can be well recommended, should come forward to render that service which his country requires, by enrolling himself as a Volunteer, with a view to afford protection to the persons and property of our Neighbours. Such of you who, from religious principles will not take up arms, and such as from age and infirmity cannot, such,certainly at this awful crisis, should come forward with liberal and voluntary sub-criptions towards the support of the proposed armed association. Should we be invaded by the enemy, or should any disturbances arise, (which God forbid) think of the advantages which will result from it—think also, that protection will naturally be given in the first instance to such as shall, either by personal service or voluntary contribution, have promoted its establishment, and that no assistance will be rendered to others, until the lives and property of persons of this description shall be perfectly and fully secured.

An Inhabitant and Friend to the Corps.

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